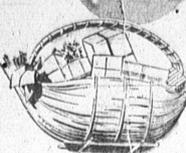


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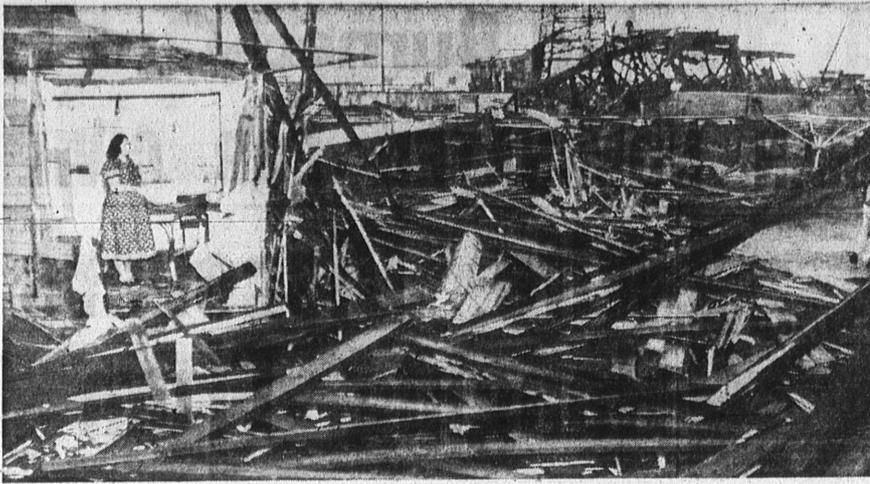
YMCA Director To Speak Sunday At Local Church

Glen Snyder, general secretary of the Long Beach YMCA, will speak at the First Christian Church Sunday morning at the 10:50 church hour.

A graduate of the University of Southern California with the class of '35, Snyder is noted for his YMCA leadership, which he has demonstrated the past several years.

While still attending SC, he was active in the Los Angeles YMCA, and was selected as an exchange student to the University of Hawaii.

After serving as an officer in the Veterans Hospital at Corona during the war, Snyder went with the YMCA to San Bernardino. He has now been general secretary of the Long Beach YMCA for two years. Recently he was selected to do extra project work in Mexico City and also to set up a YMCA program and organization in Chihuahua, Mexico.



ROUGH ON DISHES . . . Mrs. H. C. Kelly, 2431 West 236th street, stands in her open air kitchen after a falling oilwell clipped the corner of her house and knocked out the east wall during last Thursday's 'twister' which whisked through the oil fields in the southeast portion of the city. She was in the house when the rig fell. (Photo by Jack Baldwin)

EFFORT MADE TO CLOSE MEMORIAL FUND DRIVE

Persons wishing to contribute to the Laughon Memorial Fund were urged by Mrs. A. E. Ewalt to send in contributions this week so that the money may be turned over to the Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Money given by friends of the late Dr. W. I. "Bill" Laughon will be handed to Dr. Eugene Cook, associate of the late doctor, who will arrange for the purchase of a piece of equipment to be given to the local community hospital.

Those who intend to participate in the fund are urged to contact Mrs. Ewalt at 1715 West 234th street.

Twister Leaves Havoc in Wake

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county area east of the city boundary.

Flames touched off by sparks from a high voltage line set fire by a rig owned by J. C. Hansmeyer which crashed across Narbonne avenue near 235th street. The falling rig snapped a telephone cable feeding into the Lomita exchange office. Power lines snapped also.

Two Torrance firemen, Bob Moffitt and Sam Martin were treated for minor eye injuries when cinders from the blazing well struck them in the face.

Fortunately only one well caught fire. A call from the Narbonne Ranch Water company warned the Torrance fire department that the water company would be unable to supply any pressure should another fire break out in the same district. When the power lines snapped, the pumps feeding the fire hydrants failed. Firemen had only the gravity feed pressure fed in the mains with which to fight the fire. Nozzle pressure was not strong enough to buck the winds while the firemen battled the flame engulfed well.

Narbonne, Eshelman, and Pennsylvania avenues were blocked to traffic by fallen rigs and dangling high tension wires.

Normandie avenue was closed from Ocean avenue to Sepulveda boulevard. A 4000-volt line was down and arcing from the wire to the curb.

Southern California Edison and Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company crews were hampered by darkness, high winds, and near freezing temperatures as linemen climbed poles to restore service to the stricken areas.

A number of television sets in the southern section of Ketter Knolls sustained burned out tubes as the high voltage of the shorted circuits raced thru the sets.

Narrowly missing injury were Mrs. H. C. Kelly, 2431 West 236th street, and her son, Bob, age 9. A falling well crashed into the Kelly kitchen and bathroom. The Kellys were in the house at the time.

City Employees In Line for \$10 Salary Increases

Pay "bonuses" of \$10 per month for nearly 200 city employees are expected to be granted by the Torrance City Council next Tuesday night, according to unofficial source.

The increase will be effective until the end of the current fiscal year and is not to be a part of the five-step plan. The pay hike was granted to cover the higher cost of living, it is claimed.

Also to be considered at the meeting is a proposal to equalize the pay of the department heads. If okayed by the council, four of the five department heads in the city will work under a five-step plan with yearly increases being made after each year of service as a department head. The salary schedule for the department heads will be \$382, \$400, \$419, \$437 and \$460 monthly.

The pay of the water superintendent was not considered in

Fire

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was rented for a month by a group of helping neighbors.

Offers of help to rebuild the house and the use of woodworking machinery have come from those living nearby.

Mrs. Kimmet, who discovered the fire, grabbed daughter Jacquelyn, age nine months, and dashed from the house, was "amazed and extremely grateful" for the help they have been given. Mr. Kimmet expressed his appreciation saying: "I have never seen anything like it. Offers for help have come from everywhere. It certainly changes a man's outlook on life."

Single Court Plan Proposed

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ed: (1) A single court location with several judges, or; (2) Several courts in the district, each with its own judge.

GAINS SUPPORT

The first proposal gained backing when it was suggested the court be located at Alondra Park. Supervisor Darby pointed out that the location had its advantages in that no problem of site acquisition would be encountered and that the location is centrally located in the district. Among the cities and areas which would be served by the court are Torrance, Lomita, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, Hawthorne, Gardena, part of Inglewood Township, Palos Verdes, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Shoestring Strip, county areas adjacent to Alondra Park and the densely populated Howard precincts.

ADVANTAGES TOLD

A general advantage of the single court set up is that the court would have several judges in attendance, anyone of whom might be able to take the overflow of another judge and thus speed up the wheels of justice. With the court established it would be a logical location in which to establish a superior court. Less confusion would exist generally with a single location which soon would become familiar to the public.

Among the disadvantages of the single court set up are the problems facing the various police departments which would have to transport prisoners to and from the court and the additional distance which the new court would be located from some districts and communities.

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Under the single court setup, the taxpayer would reap the rewards of paying only one chief court clerk and one chief constable as compared to three if the multi-court plan were adopted.

Whatever plan is finally adopted it will be Darby's duty to arrange the districts where each municipal court in his supervisory district will be established. The State Legislature will establish the number of judges for each district. The judges' salaries and other expenses of maintaining the court will be borne by the county.

The reorganization must be completed by January of 1953, when the proposition becomes effective.

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